

Additional information to the agenda for the meeting being held on Wednesday 30th November at 7pm at Graig Community Hall Bassaleg.

Clerk's Report – 30th November 2011

(Item No 4 on the agenda)

Viaduct Way Issues – NCC have advised that the adoption has not been settled as the original developer – Bellway Homes have been slow in completing the remedial works needed before completion. NCC is chasing this up, Clerk has chased again and is awaiting a reply. Clerk has written to NCC requesting that consideration be given to installing traffic priority signs where the road narrows under the viaduct, a reply was received stating that this issue will be looked at, **a further update has been received, the matter has been handed on to another person in the Highways Dept, Clerk is waiting for a response from this gentleman.**

Rhiwderin Community Centre Lease – NCC have advised that they are not able to commit to a lease extension until they have completed their review which is now pushed back to Spring 2012, this issue will be added to the agenda for further discussion.

Laurel Road Parking Issue – To date, requests to put planters at strategic points or wooden bollards to prevent green areas being parked on have been denied. Clerk has emailed NCC to request that this decision be re-considered in light of wooden bollards being allowed on Risca Road. Clerk has received a response which will be added to the agenda for discussion.

Junction 28 Tredegar Roundabout Safety Issues – NCC have advised that this issue will be considered during November. **A response has been received that the matter is to be discussed with the Police's Traffic Management Officer for Newport. As he is currently on leave the meeting will not take place for a few weeks. Clerk will chase again in the New Year.**

Overhanging Tree Branches in Orchard Close and Associated Wentworth Lane Issue – The Clerk is awaiting instructions from the tree consultant as to what further works can be carried out before being able to cost for extra trimming. Meanwhile a letter has been received by a resident which will be presented during the meeting for further discussion.

Planters from NCC – NCC decisions regarding the locations of the planters have been received and discussed; no decisions have yet been made regarding placement and maintenance.

'Go Slow' Signs for Afon Village – Clerk has written to NCC again to urge reconsideration of 20mph speed limit on through road due to the children's play area and Rivermead Centre being on that road, and also sought support from Rogerstone Community Council, the Rogerstone Clerk is adding the request to his agenda for their meeting at the beginning of December. Clerk will chase for a response for the December 14th meeting from both the Rogerstone Clerk and NCC.

Rumble Strip on Forge Road – Latest communications via City Councillors report that the issue will be addressed, but no date has been given. Clerk will chase for an update in January if the issue is not resolved.

Christmas tree Quality Issue – Assurance has been received that the defective tree will be replaced. Clerk to monitor.

Caerphilly Close Junction Landscaping Project – This project is temporarily on hold.

Graig Hall – Cllr Fry has received a more competitive quote from a preferred supplier for replacement windows for the Hall, the decorator will finish decorating the large hall by next Wednesday and will begin work on the foyer, kitchen and meeting room as per approved quote.

Play Areas – The Clerk is now in receipt of schemes by two playground equipment suppliers and will submit them to Council at the January 11th 2012 meeting. These schemes can then be adapted if necessary and used to support any applications for funding. The Clerk and Chair met with Newport City Homes regarding the grass cutting responsibilities in Fort View play area and future plans. The swing has been installed at Fort View play area, an email was received to say the children are very pleased with it.

Notice boards – The notice board proposed for installation alongside the church wall opposite Churchmead has been approved by NCC. The notice board proposed at the top of Laurel Road has been approved but only if Council canvass the residents to see if they wish to have it erected. This will be discussed at the January 25th 2012 meeting to move the matter forward.

Adoption of Footpath Opposite Garth Terrace – Clerk has again chased for paperwork and instructions for adoption and getting the area maintained.

Community Council Logo – A design was approved at the last Council meeting and official stationery has been amended to include the logo. This item will be removed from the next Clerk's Report.

Conifers at 50a Caerphilly Road – The trees have been trimmed, this item will now be removed from the Clerk's Report.

Broken Styles on Footpath Near Old Alcan Site – Clerk has been informed that due to a delay with volunteers, the styles are not yet repaired but should be done within the next two weeks. Clerk will chase to ensure completion prior to the next meeting.

St Basils Lych-gate and Brass Memorial Plaques – Councillors Caston & Harries have met with Cannon Williams and the issue has been added to the agenda for report back to Council at the meeting.

Christmas Lighting Celebrations – A task and finish workgroup made up of the Clerk and 3 Councillors are working to put together a programme of events to celebrate the switching on of the Christmas lights, an update of the event will be discussed under Projects at the meeting.

Moving of the Goalposts on the Open Space – This issue has been added to the agenda for Councillor John to report to Council.

NO GOLFING sign – The sign has been delivered ready for installation.

Caerphilly Road Issues – Clerk has written again to NCC regarding the safety of pedestrians using the footpath between the Foss-y-Fran junction and Friendly Fox Public house. The Police have advised NCC that extra lighting should be explored for the crossing outside the Friendly Fox. Tree cutting has taken place along the stretch of road concerned which has improved the lighting a little. Clerk has chased for an update.

Community Council Website – Clerk has been requested to update the site with information from the Environment agency regarding flooding. A public meeting held by the environment agency will take place at the Graig Hall on Wednesday November 30th at 6pm.

NCC Streetscene Representative at Meetings – Clerk has received an email response to requests that NCC officers attend Council meetings. This item has been added to the agenda for discussion.

Concurrent Expenditure - The Clerk has asked that this issue be addressed at the Community Liaison meeting on 8th December and will report back to Council at the 14th December meeting.

Travellers Site – The Clerk has received an email from Marshfield Community Council with a letter sent to NCC, and a reply from NCC stating that no decisions have been made nor applications for planning sought regarding the Pound Hill site as yet.

Extra Litter Bin on Footpath behind bus stop on Forge Road to Churchmead – Clerk has emailed NCC to advise that Council are willing to pay for an additional waste bin at this site after complaints to Councillor Cornelious, provided NCC will commit to adding it to their emptying schedule. **Response received states that NCC has spoken with the Schools Estate Manager, and hopes to have the issue resolved via speaking with the children and hope this will resolve the situation. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Cornelious to monitor if this has been effective or further action is needed.**

Footpath and area behind the Tredegar Arms and St Basil's Church & Church Wall – Clerk has written to Greene King to request information regarding the ownership of the area behind the fencing at the rear of the Tredegar Arms pub and the boundary wall which is in need of repair between the pub and the church, and has sent a follow up chasing email, but is awaiting a response. This issue has been added to the agenda for discussion at 25th January meeting.

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